

SPECIAL LAWS**CHAPTER 304****IOWA-MISSOURI BOUNDARY**

H. F. 651

AN ACT to provide for the relinquishment of jurisdiction over certain lands lying in Lee county, state of Iowa, to the state of Missouri.

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri has commenced an action against the State of Iowa in the Supreme Court of the United States for the purpose of determining the boundary line between the county of Clark in the State of Missouri and the county of Lee in the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, by an Act of Congress the Des Moines River has been declared to be the true boundary line between the aforesaid counties of such states but that the said river has so shifted its course over a period of years that a question of jurisdiction has arisen over certain lands lying north and east of the said river and over certain lands lying south and west of the said river, the State of Missouri claiming jurisdiction to such lands lying south and west and now in Lee County, Iowa, and the State of Iowa claiming jurisdiction to such lands lying north and east of the said river and now in Clark County, Missouri, as aforesaid; and

WHEREAS, the lands claimed by both states are approximately equal in amount; and

WHEREAS, the trial of said suit would result in great expense to the State of Iowa, and could result in nothing further than a redetermination of the true boundary between said states as the Des Moines River and a requirement that said states relinquish jurisdiction to the other of all lands in the respective counties of Clark and Lee lying to the north and east or to the west and south of said river as the case may be; and

WHEREAS, it is conceded by all interested parties that the Des Moines River is now fixed in its course; and

WHEREAS, all interested parties, including the owners of all lands lying within the disputed area, have agreed to and are in favor of the enactment of this bill; and

WHEREAS, it is proposed by stipulation that the legislature of Iowa and the legislature of Missouri pass like bills; the State of Missouri waiving and relinquishing to the State of Iowa all jurisdiction to lands lying north and east of the Des Moines River now in the County of Clark, State of Missouri, and State of Iowa, waiving and relinquishing to the State of Missouri all lands lying south and west of the Des Moines river and now in the County of Lee, State of Iowa, and that said acts be submitted to the Congress of the United States for its approval; now therefore,

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. The Des Moines river in its present course, as hereto-
2 fore declared by the Congress of the United States, shall be and remain
3 the true boundary line between the State of Missouri and the State
4 of Iowa.

1 SEC. 2. The State of Iowa hereby relinquishes all jurisdiction to
2 all lands in Lee County lying south and west of the Des Moines River,

3 being south and east of the east and west boundary line between
4 the States of Iowa and Missouri.

1 SEC. 3. The title of record in Missouri to any lands, the jurisdic-
2 tion of which is relinquished to the State of Iowa, shall be accepted
3 as the record title by the courts of Iowa.

1 SEC. 4. Nothing in this act shall be deemed or construed to affect
2 pending litigation, if any, affecting the title to any of the land being
3 relinquished by the State of Missouri to the State of Iowa. Provided
4 further that any matter now in controversy and affecting the title to
5 the land being relinquished by the State of Missouri to the State of
6 Iowa shall be continued in the courts of the State of Missouri until
7 the final determination thereof and such final determination shall be
8 accepted by the courts of the State of Iowa with full force and effect.

1 SEC. 5. The land being relinquished to the State of Iowa, upon
2 which taxes have been lawfully imposed in the State of Missouri
3 during the year preceding transfer, shall not thereafter be subject to
4 the imposition of taxes in the State of Iowa until the next succeeding
5 year.

1 SEC. 6. The effective date of the relinquishment of jurisdiction
2 over the lands herein described shall be midnight of the thirty-first
3 (31st) day of December following the passage of the Act of Congress
4 approving the relinquishment of jurisdiction.

1 SEC. 7. This Act shall be void and of no effect unless a similar Act
2 relinquishing and waiving to the State of Iowa all claim of juris-
3 diction over land lying north and east of the Des Moines River is
4 passed by the legislature of the State of Missouri at its present session.

1 SEC. 8. This Act being deemed of immediate importance shall be
2 in full force and effect after its publication in the Daily Gate City,
3 a newspaper published at Keokuk; Iowa, and the Evening Democrat,
4 a newspaper published at Fort Madison, Iowa.

Approved April 18, 1939.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Daily Gate City, Keokuk,
Iowa, April 21, 1939, and the Evening Democrat, Fort Madison, Iowa, April 22, 1939.
EARL G. MILLER, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 305

TABOR COLLEGE

S. F. 181

AN ACT to cancel taxes on real property belonging to Tabor College located at Tabor,
Fremont county, Iowa.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. That all taxes which have accrued and are due the State
2 of Iowa or any of its political subdivisions for the years 1932, 1933,
3 1934, 1935, 1936 and 1937 on certain real property belonging to Tabor